GLEN PARK NEWS

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Crucial Bylaws Revision Slated

by Lawrence P. McCort

Success has its drawbacks, and for the GPA one drawback is that we are approaching the point where we must file tax forms. Increasing membership, a regular newsletter with advertising revenues, and the possibility of higher dues are all pushing us closer to the threshold set by the IRS, above which we must file. To move the threshold higher and avoid this, we are going to need to file for non-profit status with the IRS. The easiest way, and one which also provides certain added legal protection for the membership, is also to file with the state to become a Public Benefit Corporation. Both require submitting a copy of the organization's bylaws.

To ensure correct legal wording and contents, bylaws contained in *The California Nonprofit Corporation Handbook,* by Anthony Mancuso (Nolo Press 1992), have been used to provide a framework for revising our bylaws. By doing this, we hope to avoid the need to hire a lawyer specialized in non-profit corporation law. Besides "filling in the blanks", the provisions in our bylaws not covered by those in the *Handbook* have been added. In some cases this has meant lifting whole passages, in others, the substitution of "members" for "executive board", where the existing bylaws call for mem- bers making decisions most corporations leave to a board. Certain other changes, hopefully in keeping with the intent of the existing bylaws, will also be proposed, largely to clarify any ambiguities in our existing bylaws.

It is hoped that a full presentation of this revision of the bylaws can be made at the January meeting, and a vote taken in February. The existing bylaws require this notice to be given in the Association's publication prior to the vote, a presentation to be made at the general membership meeting previous to the one in which a vote is taken, and seventy-five percent of the members present to approve when a vote is taken. As we require ten percent of the membership to be present for a quorum, we hope participation will be high enough for us to take action. Absent this first step, and action next year to file for corporate and nonprofit status, the continued functioning within the law of the GPA could be at risk.

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Traffic Facts Part II•The Traffic Studies

by Roberta Caravelli

In the last issue of the *News*, a historical account of the city's behavior towards Glen Park was published. This was to introduce residents to ongoing tactics used by city officials, which at best can be summarized as empty public relations efforts while hoping the problem (the complaining residents) will go away.

The following documents some standard operating procedures of the Department of Traffic Engineering, the reasons the recent traffic study was requested and the results of the study.

The city conducts traffic counts at one location on every street once a year. After going through their records back to 1968 it was found that:

1) No traffic count had ever been done on the block of Diamond between Monterey and Bosworth. Given that this block is the most congested in the neighborhood, it seems this city department was not selecting sites by any relevant criteria.

2) Excepting the intersection of Lyell and Bosworth and two other locations on Bosworth near Elk, no

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It's Time to Renew Your Membership ! *(see back page)*

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Traffic Committee-Or Fairy Tales Can Come True

Elk Street STOP signs: Thanks to the diligent efforts of a number of Glen Park residents, particularly the exhaustive accident inventory prepared by one, the city has acknowledged the speed and accident problems along the narrow stretch of Elk Street.

When we went to press, the Board of Supervisors was to have heard the Traffic Commission's proposal for these STOP signs. It includes new signage along Elk and lower Diamond Heights Blvd., new roadway paint striping, including the adjacent streets of Arbor, Chenery and Sussex; a partial no-parking zone on the west side of Diamond Heights Blvd.; and last but not least, STOP signs on Elk at Chenery for traffic in both directions.

Natick will become one-way: The Traffic Commission has approved the conversion of Natick Street to one-way. It will travel the opposite direction of Carrie Street. These are both very narrow streets with only room for a single car as there is parking on both sides.

CalTrans 101/280 earthquake repair project: The final repairs on this intersection will begin soon and will take 24 months. For additional information call the CalTrans information hotline, 1-800-7-101280. We can expect the following freeway ramps to be closed for most of 1994: northbound 101 to southbound 280 (towards Daly City) and northbound 280 to southbound 101.

Zoning Committee

Of late there have been no tier 2 or 3 notifications to the GPA. The situation on Poppy Lane continues. In June 1992, an application was made to build a house on Poppy Lane just east of Diamond Street. A group of neighbors, spearheaded by John Rohosky, reports that this month the legality of the lot formation on Poppy

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Public Safety Committee

After a quiet summer, the Public Safety Committee is back in action. Although difficult to find, the chairman has been busy gathering facts. If you have contacted her in the past few months and not received proper response, please pick up the phone once again. Dial 587-1509 and Say, 'Yes I want to be on the Public Safety Committee.'

First, we welcome beat patrol officer to the Glen Park village: Officer Decarlo. His beat includes Chenery Street and Bosworth. Second, our community officer at the Ingleside police station, 333-3433, is now Officer Tom Feledy. Contact him if you see a pattern of crime. You might not get an immediate response, though.

If you see a crime that is not an emergency, disturbances, suspicious activity, call 553-0123. If you hear gun shots, feel in danger or have an emergency, call 911. If you want to start a SAFE block group, the biggest part of community safety, contact SAFE at 673-7233.

According to the Ingleside police captain, there has been a 20% decrease in crime in the Ingleside. He credits the hard work of his officers. However, he does warn that robbery is increasing through out the city.

When a robbery occurs, the victim is confronted by another individual and robbed face to face. In contrast, burglary involves someone entering the victim's home in their absence. Most of all, do not let yourself be an easy target. Do not go into unfamiliar neighborhoods alone at night.

Other neighborhoods, like the Haight-Ashbury, have begun patrol groups, modeling them after the Guardian Angels. They have found this method to be very effective.

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St. Anthony Fundraiser

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Miraloma Clubhouse (O'Shaughnessy and Del Vale)

The 16th Annual Holiday Party Benefit for St. Anthony dining room sponsored by Coldwell Banker's Twin Peaks office will include a children's poster contest, music, magic and a visit from Santa. Glen Park Elementary and St. John's will be invited.

Guests are requested to bring canned food or personal checks to support St. Anthony's efforts to feed the homeless.

For information, call Ken Hoegger at 979-4548.

Finally, in Glen Park there is a new business, Security One, selling car and burglary alarms and the like. If you are interested, call Richard Bey at 586-3667.

GPA InfoLine—985-7475

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section of neighborhood streets had multiple counts. The repeated counts on Bosworth at the three locations were due to pressure from GPA and the residents. Residents recognized these locations as particularly troublesome spots. The lack of comparative statistics for other locations in the neighborhood was alarming and was the motivating force for requesting the traffic study.

Between 1973 and 1975, the city conducted a traffic study of Glen Park at the behest of the GPA. Concerns about traffic and parking impacts from BART operations inspired the neighborhood request. Recent research of city traffic counts yielded no comparative statistics, but did bring to the surface the 1976 report of this study. The only possible way to get statistics on neighborhood traffic changes was to request a similar study.

The traffic study itself was informative only to a point. It showed an overall 24-hour traffic increase, and a total of 100,878 cars entering and exiting the neighborhood. Lippard Street between Joost and Bosworth had the biggest traffic increase in the neighborhood, consisting of 199% more cars.

The 1976 report shows that in November 1974, a total of 62,200 vehicles per day came through the neighborhood. The 1992 study gives 70,536 as the number of cars for November of 1974. By using the higher baseline, the city is claiming a 43% increase, while the baseline found in the original study indicates this was actually a 62% increase.

The purposes of most vehicles entering the neighborhood are unexplained in the study. Their origins and destinations are unknown. The city is claiming that 88% of our traffic increase is unexplained but they are also only counting BART ridership when a BART ticket was used; they have given no ridership counts in the report for Fastpass users, the bulk of the ridership. So much of their supposedly "unexplained traffic" may be due to BART ridership. Since their data is incomplete, there is a good chance their conclusions are invalid.

The city is either attempting to downplay BART's impact on the neighborhood, or they have left a very important question hanging. For as conclusion # 3 from the 1976 report states: "The other increase of trips into the area (4,300 trips or 8,600 cars) cannot be directly attributable to BART users." The city "experts" offered no explanation or possible causes of this increased traffic, nor have they offered complete data on BART ridership.

One of the harsher facts from this study was finding that major thoroughfares in the heart of the city, like Montgomery near Sutter Street, and Stockton near Geary, had increases of 26% over the same time period. When the study was requested, the hope was that with actual statistics, Glen Park would get action on requests for help. The only action so far is an unkept promise of enforcers at the BART station during rush hours, the actual removal of the "To the Sunset" directional signs, and the addition of the stop signs on Bosworth at Lyell, also requested of Rina Cutler in 1991.

Other neighborhood requests and the city's responses will be covered in the next issue of the *News*.

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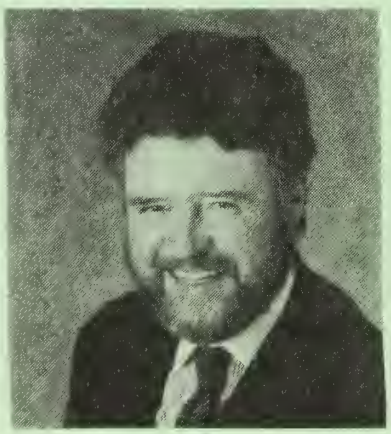

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By Dan Gustavson DDS, President

The merchants have met and discussed several issues in the last quarter. Recently, we heard Greg Keiser of Graffiti Control Services discuss methods used to combat graffiti. He recommended a special protective coating that can be painted on walls and easily wiped down after walls have been marked with graffiti, thus avoiding the time and expense of repainting. Most importantly, he urged that merchants and residents remove or repaint graffiti immediately as this helps deter repetitive "tagging" of our walls.

Small business owners are also facing a potential increase in taxes through an increase in payroll taxes. If approved, this issue will substantially increase taxes on businesses with as few as five employees. The Board of Supervisors is still negotiating a decision on this matter.

Congratulations to local merchant Glory Dalere of Dalere's Beauty Salon. She is celebrating 25 years in business!

Glen Park History Project

The Glen Park branch library now has a volunteer archivist. He is currently cataloging for public reference the many articles, written histories, surveys and photographs of Glen Park. He would also like to collect photographs and artifacts contributed by residents to share and preserve our neighborhood history. If you have or know of old Glen Park photographs and/or information, contact MarthaNeves at 337-4740, or stop by the library.

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by Andrew Sokolsky, D.C.

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After receiving my college degree, I taught human anatomy at San Francisco State University before entering a four year chiropractic program. Since 1986 I've had the pleasure of providing health care in our community. My office is located one block from the BART station at the corner of Monterey Boulevard and Diamond.

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GP DOG, as we are now known, meets on the third Tuesday of every month in the Glen Park Rec room. We have had several pot-luck picnics in the park for dog owners and their dogs. Our most recent picnic was attended by approximately 60-70 homosapiens, an equal number of canines and one bashful raccoon. We have organized regular cleanups in the park, purchased several additional trash cans for the back of the park and installed bag dispensers to make it easier for people to clean up after their dogs.

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Bring your creativity and ideas to the *Fundraising Committee.* A healthy Treasury is essential to finance work toward the future of our neighborhood.

Help protect Glen Park's environment and quality of life. The *Health and Environment Committee* works to control airplane noise, other forms of pollution and acts as liaison with the library, monitoring funding and initiating actions as necessary.

We all love our neighborhood, but there are features which could be improved or enhanced. The *Neighborhood Improvement Committee* concentrates on issues of beautification and would welcome your ideas and comments.

Help invigorate Glen Park's community spirit. The *Program Committee* plans events to bring neighbors together with common goals, shared interests, and issues of importance to the neighborhood.

Rising crime rates are frightening. The *Public Safety Committee* works with the city's public safety agencies to increase neighborhood police protection.

The *Glen Park News* reaches over 2,000 households. The *Publication Committee* puts it together on a quarterly basis as the principal forum for communicating the Association's goals and activities.

Glen Canyon Park is one of our most important amenities. The *Recreation and Parks Committee* safeguards this resource and is very involved in planning the park's future.

All Glen Parkers know neighborhood traffic is an outrage. It affects the quality of our lives and the quality of the air we breathe. Repair efforts on I-280 will soon aggravate an already difficult situation The *Traffic, Parking and Transportation Committee* monitors these issues.

Our children are the future. The *Youth Services Committee* helps guide their activities and development.

Glen Park is a targeted neighborhood. We have BART and land which developers and city agencies judge to be "under-utilized". The *Zoning and Planning Committee* monitors city planning policies and specific building project proposals.

Glen Park's future is being shaped by these issues. Take part in shaping the future of your neighborhood. Apply your good judgement to one of these high priority items.

Glen Park Association Membership Application

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- ☐ Publication
- ☐ Recreation and Park
- ☐ Traffic, Parking & Transportation
- ☐ Youth Services
- ☐ Zoning

Please notify me of their next meeting(s).

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NEXT GPA MEETINGS

No December meeting
January 11th: Vote on dues
February 8th: Annual meeting, elections